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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: BURMESE OFFSHORE OIL NEGOTIATIONS

1. ALPHEUS W. JESSUP OF EXXON PLANS TO ARRIVE RANGOON MAY 2 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MOC. WILL REMAIN UNTIL MAY 8. HE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON EMBASSY AND TO MEET AMBASSADOR OSBORN, WHOM HE KNOWS FROM TOKYO AND HONG KONG DAYS. HE WILL CALL EMBASSY MAY 3.

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT HAS KEPT JESSUP INFORMED OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING CITIES SERVICE ET AL CONTRACT BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM EMBASSY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT EXXON MIGHT BE OMITTED FROM LIST OF FINAL COMPANIES INVITED TO SIGN AGREEMENTS AND, WE BELIEVE, AT OWN INITIATIVE HAS EMBARKED ON CURRENT TRIP TO BOLSTER EXXON'S CHANCES. AS EMBASSY AWARE, JESSUP KNOWS WELL MANY PEOPLE IN RANGOON OUTSIDE MOC CIRCLES, INCLUDING THEIN PE MYINT (THE LEFTIST JOURNALIST). ASSUME HE WILL BE MEETING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO FURTHER HIS OBJECTIVE. END FYI. RUSH

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